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FOR: A METHOD OF FORMING A :
LIGHT-WEIGHT, FIBER-
REINFORCED THERMOPLASTIC
RESIN PRODUCT AND A LIGHT-
WEIGHT MOLDED PRODUCT

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SIR:

The following is responsive to the Official Action dated July 3, 2001, concerning the above-identified application.

REMARKS

Claims 13-30 remain active in the case. Reconsideration is respectfully requested.

The present invention relates to a method of preparing a light-weight, fiber-reinforced thermoplastic resin product and to a light-weight molded product.

One aspect of the invention as claimed is directed to a molded, light-weight fiber-reinforced thermoplastic resin product having a fiber content ranging from 5 to 80% by